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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on September 11, 2007, for the above-identified application

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error on the front page of the publication wherein the second inventor's name (Gerald Hoeglenger) was omitted from the publication and the inventor's residence "Salzburg" was misprinted as "Sa;zburg".

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The error on the front page of the publication wherein the second inventor's name (Gerald Hoeglenger) was omitted from the publication and the inventor's residence "Salzburg" was misprinted as "Sa;zburg" were omitted from the publication may be Office errors, but they are not material Office errors under 37 CFR 1.221. The omission of an inventor's name and a typographical error in an inventor's residence do not affect the understanding of the application. The mistakes do not affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent

¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

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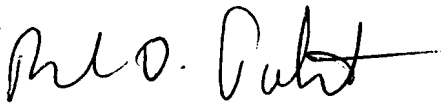
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